



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, good mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and*

*WHEREAS, mental health is how we think, feel, and act as we face life's situations; and*

*WHEREAS, like adults, children and adolescents can have mental health problems that interfere with the way they think, feel, and act; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 17,000 children and adolescents in Idaho have mental health problems and one in five adults experience a mental illness in his or her lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, these problems are real and painful and they can lead to failure at school, family conflicts, drug abuse, violence, or suicide; and*

*WHEREAS, mental health problems often limit an individual's current and future ability to be productive; and*

*WHEREAS, increased public awareness of mental health issues may lead to earlier recognition and treatment of possible mental health problems, leading to lower health care and correctional costs, increase productivity, improve the ability of children and adolescents to learn and contribute to healthier families and communities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005, to be*

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-first day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA  
SECRETARY OF STATE